

Capsule Summary  
SM-823  
Wallace House  
Compton vicinity  
Private

circa 1943

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-823

**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

## historic

other Wallace House

## 2. Location

street and number 22203 Bay Side Road not for publication

**city, town**              Compton                                  \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity

county St. Mary's

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Robert and Joyce Wallace
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street and number	PO Box 134	telephone	N/a
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city, town	Compton	state	Md	zip code	20627-0134
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#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	St. Mary's County Courthouse	tax map and parcel	TM-39, P-2
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city, town	Leonardtwn	liber	DBK 184	folio 70
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## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Current Function</b>		<b>Resource Count</b>	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>x</u> building(s)	<u>x</u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		<u>x</u> domestic	_____ social	_____	_____ structures
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____	_____ objects
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	<u>1</u>	_____ Total
		_____ government	_____ unknown		
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use		
		_____ industry	_____ other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				0	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Situated on a 2.77 acre parcel on the west side of Bay Side Road in the rural crossroads community of Compton, Maryland is the Wallace House. The dwelling is oriented on an east/west axis and is approached via a dirt drive that extends to the west of the main road. Positioned in the middle of the lot, the dwelling is surrounded by a mowed lawn and well manicured landscaping and mature deciduous trees. The property is bounded to the north and south by residential parcels, to the west by a wooded lot, and to the east by the road.

The Wallace House, constructed circa 1943, is a two story, side passage, three bay, frame dwelling with a gable roof. Sheathed with faux weatherboard, the exterior walls are slightly shaded by an enclosed overhanging eave. The gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles and is pierced by two interior brick chimney flues.

The primary or east elevation is pierced on the first floor by a door and two sets of paired, six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Each pair of windows only features one pair of louvered shutters. All of these bays are shaded by a porch elegantly embellished by turned porch posts, scroll sawn brackets, and a balustrade and rail. Above the roof of the porch are three symmetrically placed six-over-six windows each with louvered shutters.

The south elevation is pierced on the first floor by a paired set of six-over-six windows and a single six-over-six window. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six window. The attic story is lit by a window of unknown sash.

Other elevations were not investigated.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.77 acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>same</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the north and south by residential parcels, to the west by a wooded lot, and to the east by the road. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber DBK 184, Folio 70.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August, 2000
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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Leonardtown Quad



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St Mary's County

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